

Sisterhood

There are three of us; Katherine Matthews, Amy Evans and Elizabeth (Liz) Leadworth. We have known each other even before we were born; our moms were pregnant at the same time; exercised together and went to the same doctor. I wouldn't say our moms are best friends it is just that they shared a common experience at the same time. The three of us have always been friends from Pre-K all the way to now that we are in middle school. Everyone knows we are very close and hang out together all the time. We go in bands of three or five because sometimes others join in and out but the three of us are always in.

We liked to hang out in different places like the mall or the parks but one day we decided to go to the forest and find a place that could be our secret hangout. We live in a place that has beautiful trees with season changes. We found a nice place behind our homes that was not too far into the forest. There wasn't much there but some rocks and a pretty cool view of the water. We would go there to just talk and act and dance. That's when the sisterhood was formed. We decided to come up with secret codes so that whenever we were around people or wanted to send a text message, no one else would know what we are talking about. As time went on, we stopped hanging with other people and only hanged with ourselves both in and away from school. We were together all the time.

It was at the spring dance that we found out that things were changing in one of our lives. There were a lot of people at the dance, music, and food. But for some reason, Amy was not into it the dance. She asked us to go with her to the restroom. We always moved together. While in the bathroom, Amy told us that her mom has brain cancer. She called it brain stem glioma. She started to cry and we all just hugged her and cried with her. We tried to comfort her but she just kept crying. We promised her that we would always be there for her. As time went on, Amy was handling it a little better because her mom was getting a bit better. It was still hard but after Amy's

mom had surgery and the doctor's said she would get better you could see that Amy was getting a bit happier.

By the last year of middle school, every girl in the school wanted to be in our sisterhood. Even to the point that some people were very jealous and would get mad at us when we didn't let them into our sisterhood. But that soon changed. One day while we were outside of gym during P.E. class, it started to rain. Everyone ran back into the gym except one girl who was like a tom-boy. She said she loved the rain so she stayed and played for as long as she could until the teachers made her come in. We liked her. The three of us agreed that we would let her into our sisterhood and tell her our secret codes. So now there were four of us.

All was well until when one girl who we didn't let into the sisterhood started spreading rumors about us. Her name was Hailey Jones. Hailey had a blog where she would write about our sisterhood and tell people that we are a cult and that we do secret things that are bad. She used stories about the sisterhood to get people to read her blog because people didn't read her blog before. Because of Hailey's blog everyone in the school thought the "Sisterhood" is a cult even to the point a Counselor called us all into her office and questioned us. We promised her that we are just a close friendship and Hailey was mad that we didn't want to be friends with her. I think the Counselor believed us because she didn't ask us about it anymore nor did she call our parents. We confronted Hailey and told her that she was just jealous and mean. And that is why we would never be friends with her. I wish this was our last interaction with Hailey, but it wasn't.

There was this boy Liz liked, his name is Brian. Liz was crazy about him. She thought he was the most handsome boy in the whole school. The bad thing is that Hailey and Brian were friends. When Hailey found out that Liz liked Brian she made a plan to have Brian hurt Liz's feeling in public. Brian didn't really know that Liz liked him so when Hailey told him about the joke, he thought it was harmless. Because of this joke, Liz felt so bad that she committed suicide. Liz was "silenced forever from the Sisterhood". Everyone knew that Hailey and Brian were the reason that Liz

committed suicide. They were hated by all the school and the community to the point that we didn't see them much after that. They didn't go to the high school with us. We think their parents moved away from town but no one knows to where? No one really cared.

It was very hard on us losing Liz but the "Sisterhood" got through it. We had a memorial in her name and a lot of people showed up. Liz was so special that the memorial lasted for four months straight. The "Sisterhood" continued for so many years and we always remembered Liz.